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Garner Welcomes Snerd the Groundhog

Winter has given us a mix of chilly temperatures and warm spring-like days, but what does the rest of the season hold for us? Find out at this year's Groundhog Day celebration at White Deer Park (2400 Aversboro Road). This annual event will take place Monday, Feb. 2 from 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. While Mortimer has been our go-to groundhog for predictions in years past, Snerd has been tapped for this year's event.

This year's festivities feature visits from several special guests including CLAWS, Inc., an organization that rescues and rehabilitates animals in need and provides educational programs. The group will have live animals on site for families to see, touch and learn more about. Other familiar faces include Smokey the Bear, the Chick-fil-A cow, McGruff the Crime Dog and NC DENR's Recycle Guys.

Of course, the main attraction is Snerd's prediction, which Mayor Ronnie Williams will announce to the crowd promptly at noon. Come out to this fun, educational and free event to see whether we will be enduring six more weeks of winter or enjoying an early spring.

For more information about Garner's Groundhog Day event, contact Outdoor Education and Parks Manager Katie Lockhart at klockhart@garnernc.gov or (919) 661-6892.

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